

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2020

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of the month of January 2020.

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan.

Also, in attendance: Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; Danny Kincade, Washington Township Trustee; Sharon Hutchison, Council; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Laurie "Lee" Kay, Council; Jim Blinn, VSO.

Public: John Dockrey, Michele Stuckey, Neal Austin, Lori Austin, Perry Conrad, Valerie Jordan, Aaron Senesac, Mark Straw, Marci Burton, Mike Kay, Steven Smith.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan.
2. Brian Jordan, Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Add EMA copier quotes and Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement. Removal of Order of consolidating polling places for adjoining precincts. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - b. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 meetings minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 thru January 21, 2020 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 17, 2020 payroll dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway Department – Hobaugh presented the 2020-2023 bridge inspection contract from Janssen and Spaans Engineering that has been approved by INDOT. The contract will need to be signed by the Commissioners and then sent to INDOT to finalize. Jordan signed the contract that was previously approved. Herndon informed the Commissioners that an insurance adjuster will be reporting back concerning the bucket truck that had been damaged. Jordan requested a list of surplus equipment to review for the February 18th commissioner meeting. Barce explained the surplus items and process. Herndon discussed the frost law signs due to new ordinance. Hanthorne stated he had been contacted by Keaton Foster due to hog farm trucks not able to turn onto SR 26 as the ditch needs to be widened. Herndon stated it is an INDOT issue. Herndon stated REMC is taking a tree down on at Red Bridge that is blocking the road. New bridge will be closed on or after Monday. Hobaugh and Herndon gave information concerning the Bridge #92 meeting with INDOT for the grant. Herndon stated the estimate was \$1,100,000 and INDOT stated more possibly \$2,000,000. The bridge will be inspected for planning of rebuilding or possibly closing. For future bridge projects, INDOT informed Herndon, we will need to have engineer design drawings which will have substantial cost.
 - f. Danny Kincade, Washington Township Trustee concerning Hillside and Highland Cemetery Signs. Kincade explained a project he is working on concerning the construction of a sign at Hillside Cemetery. The establish dates are in question as Courthouse records show 1891 south side and 1894 north side but there are graves dated 1831. Kincade is requesting suggestions of the dates to be on the signs. The Commissioners suggested the courthouse documented dates.
 - g. Jim Blinn, Veteran Service Officer Report – Blinn gave an update on the Warren County Veteran Benefits. There are several items that are worked on with the Veterans such as medical assistance, tax assistance, etc. Blinn explained many programs that are being offered in the County through the Federal Government homeless veteran assistance, honor flight, fund raising for the honor flight fees of the escort, new Indiana Veteran licenses plate and placard. Blinn explained a new Veteran Clinic is being built in Lafayette currently. Blinn requested office space in the County. The Commissioners will look into office space for Blinn.
 - h. John Dockrey, What'sup247 – County Website Calendar. Dockrey presented a slideshow showing calendar pages from other Counties and municipalities in the State. The total cost is \$10,000 for the first 3 years, basically 3 years for the price of 2. Michele Stucky, Community Foundation, inquired about the continued cost. Dockrey explained community such as schools, towns, churches, etc. would pay per year after the 3 years. The County could fund this and memberships would be at no cost.
 - i. 2020 KIRPC Reappointment, Paula Max – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to reappoint Paula Max as designated representative to the 2020 KIRPC Board with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - j. Warren Agency, Mike Kay and Laurie "Lee" Kay – County Commercial Insurance, Workman's Comp – Mike and Lee Kay explained the Commercial Insurance and Workman's comp Insurance quotes from 5 companies. Lee Kay explained the differences in the quotes. Commercial and Cyber Coverage premiums are Travelers \$141,688, HCC Tokyo Marine \$132,579, Brit State National Insurance company \$134,118 and Trident Argonaut Insurance Company \$137,079. Workman's Compensation quoted through IPEP renewal \$47,335. Jordan inquired about the expiration date of 1/31/20 and making a decision at the February meeting. Lee Kay explained this decision will need to be made prior to 1/31/20. Weston-Hubner explained the budget for 2020 is commercial insurance \$160,000 and workman's comp \$50,000. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the Travelers at \$141,688 annually with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve IPEP Workman's Comp at \$47,335 annually with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - k. Jail Repairs – Engineering Agreement. Arsee Engineering to \$15,000 for engineering plans on the jail repairs. Adam Hanthorne motion to approve funds from Cumulative Capital Development Fund with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - l. 2020 Warren County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the 2020 Warren County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

- m. Phil Astell, EMA Director - EMA Copier. Astell presented 2 copier quotes. Astell explained the need for a new copier. The quotes are Cardinal 48 months \$55.00/month and Commonwealth Technology 60 months \$103.97/month. Brian Jordan explained the county is working on a countywide copier contract. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table until a later meeting with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- n. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – 2020 Sheriff Contract, Quality Corrections Contract, Sheriff annual Report. Hart explained the Sheriff Contract to the Commissioners. Hart presented the 3-year Quality Corrections Contract which covers medical, prescriptions, etc. for inmates. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the Quality Corrections 3-year contract with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the 2020 Sheriff contract with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Hart presented the 2019 Annual Jail Report. The remaining 2019 budget is \$78,805. The amount of revenue for housing out of county inmate is \$120,939. There were 6,400 sheriff service calls in 2019. Revenue for work release, weekends, etc. go to the county. Hart explained tax warrant funds go back to the County rather than Sheriff in Warren County as per State Code Sheriff can take. Hart presented the 2019 Commissary Report.

4. Old Business:

- a. Courthouse Security Ordinance – Redlin presented changes to the current ordinance as per previous discussions. Security Committee, Signage, Courthouse Security Officer, etc. were added. Redline requested the Sheriff, Commissioners, Judge, etc. to review and consider any changes. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table the Courthouse Security Ordinance until a later meeting with a second Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained the 2020 Certified Budget Order has been received, Insurance information for 2019 to be reviewed at a later meeting and Judge Reece and Sheriff Hart received a grant for funding of a security officer position for the courthouse.


6. Public Comment:

- a. Mark Straw, Steuben Township – Straw explained concerns with the 2016 ERA not having Steuben Township included as well as no residents were notified and concerns with setbacks.


Next Commissioner Joint meeting January 27, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. and February 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

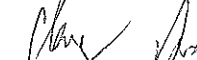
There being no further business Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


Clay Andrews